Assessment & Accountability Newsletter

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Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be August 1.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Assessment and Accountability team, I want to thank you for another incredible 2017/18 school year. As we reflect on our work over the past year, we hope you find our improved communication and outreach helpful in supporting the work you do in Idaho schools. We have seen an increase in subscribers to our newsletter, which we hope provides timely and relevant assessment and accountability updates. We are also excited by the participation we have seen each month in our Assessment and Accountability Webinars. This has been a great opportunity for us to connect with you and answer your questions.

As we look ahead to the 2018/19 school year, we want to continue our improved communication and welcome your ideas, suggestions and feedback. We intend to continue our newsletter and monthly webinars, but if there is anything else we can do to support your work, let me know. Send me an email or call me!

Look for our first 2018/19 newsletter August 1. Until then, have a wonderful summer.

Karlynn Laraway is the director of Assessment and Accountability.
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IDAHO READING INDICATOR

Istation regional training

By Friday we will have about 440 Istation trainers, thanks to those who have or will attend a regional session to learn more about the new adaptive testing system for Idaho Reading Indicator. That is an impressive number and will help make the implementation of the new test successful.

But there is still more work to be done. As your **Technology** teams prepare your school district's computers for the new school year, make sure they are ready for Istation. Istation will need to be installed on every computer or device on which students will test this fall. But it can be simple when using the step-by-step instructions for set-up and Istation software installation. We've posted some helpful documents to guide your technology staff through the set up:

- New IRI Technology Readiness.
- Setting Up Istation Tech List.
- Find additional Istation documents under the tab: New IRI.
- There are additional videos and a technology webinar on Idaho's Istation page.

A look ahead

Data Coordinators will be able to access training resources to support their work in uploading teacher and student rosters into Istation in early August. Information will be emailed to **Data Coordinators** later this summer.

LITERACY

Literacy Expenditure Worksheets due July 31

To prepare for the closing of fiscal year 2018, the Literacy Expenditure Worksheet was sent out to business managers and superintendents to complete and return to the SDE by July 31. This spreadsheet should include the Literacy Intervention funds your district received in FY 2018 and how the money was spent. Be sure to include staff, curriculum and other costs associated with supporting your K-3 literacy intervention program. Please remember, no more than $100 per pupil can be spent on transportation. Transportation costs should be included on the expenditure worksheet.

Send completed worksheets to Danielle Taylor at dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov for collection by July 31.

For more information, email Heidi Arrate or call her at (208) 332-6909.
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ISAT

* Please check the ISAT Portal regularly for important messages and dates. All dates for the 2018-2019 school year will be added to the Important Dates page.

ISAT Comprehensive Assessment System – Important Dates

July 27 – All applications close.
August 6 – User password change over: Every user must create a new password after this date.
August 6 – TIDE opens: Time to upload students, edit district and teacher info, and create new rosters. You may create or modify rosters from 2017-2018 at this time.
August 9 – TDS opens: Interim Assessments available.
August 14 – Air Ways open: View Interim Assessment data for 2018-2019.
August 16 – TIDE: Create new rosters. TIDE no longer accepts changes for 2017-2018.

Interim Assessment Window

The summer Interim Assessment window is now open and will remain open until July 20. Scoring in THSS remains open until July 27.

For more information contact Nancy Thomas Price or call her at (208) 332-6988.
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ACCOUNTABILITY

The Accountability Coordinators on June 11, hosted an Accountability webinar last Wednesday to review the upcoming school identification procedures. If you missed the webinar, check out the recording, PowerPoint, and questions and answers for more information.
For more information on the Accountability Framework, refer to the Idaho's Consolidated Plan.

Importance of ISEE Data

Almost everything that goes into the accountability calculation depends on districts' ISEE data. The SDE provides NO APPEALS window for the certified ISEE data. To be sure your data is accurate, double check the following fields. If your district or charter school submits a cumulative file, check the latest June upload.

Student Demographic File

Demographic Data (race, lunch status, military connected, EL status, gender, is homeless)
These fields are used to disaggregate accountability results.

Is Private or Home Schooled
Private/homeschooled students are excluded from the accountability calculation, ONLY IF they are correctly identified in the student demographic file in ISEE.

Grade Level
ESSA requires students to test on grade level. If a student's enrolled grade does not match the grade of the test they took, the results are invalidated.

Earned Industry Certification
NEW in the 2017-18 school year! This is a flag to identify seniors who have earned industry recognized, CTE approved, certificate(s). See Items and Collections or contact your ISEE coordinator for a list of CTE approved certifications.

School/District Entry/Exit Date and Reason
These fields are used to associate students and their assessment results to a school.

Student Course Enrollment File

We are working with the advanced opportunities team to include data from the [Advanced Opps](#) application. Any overload courses that qualify for the Fast Forward program are not considered Advanced Opportunities per IDAPA 08.02.03.007.02.

Course Code
School gets credit for AP, IB, and CTE capstone courses, ONLY IF they are correctly coded.

Course Entry/Exit Date Reason
These fields are used to assign courses to a school. School gets credit for AP, IB, CTE capstone courses, and credit recovery, ONLY IF they are completed.

Credit Offered/Earned
These fields are used to calculate the percentage of credits earned in credit recovery courses.

Credit Recovery Flag
School gets credit for credit recovery courses, ONLY IF they are correctly flagged.

Dual Credit Flag
School gets credit for dual credit courses, ONLY IF they are correctly flagged.

Special Education File

Program Entry/Exit Date
If a student participating in alternate assessment does not have an active IEP on the test submission date, the test is invalidated.

Graduation Rate

For the upcoming cohort members, check out our new [Cohort Preview Application.](#)

ACCESS Participation Appeals Window

The ACCESS appeals window has closed. Thank you for submitting the appeals and documentations. We will process the appeals in the next few weeks.

ISAT Appeals Window

The ISAT appeals window is scheduled to open from July 2 to July 18. This is the ONLY opportunity to appeal non-participants. We will provide more information in the near future.

Proposed Timelines

July 2 - July 18: ISAT/IDAA/EOC Participation Appeals.
August 15: Release CSI schools.
September 4: Release TSI schools.

December 1: Publish New Report Card.

Contact: ISEE Regional coordinators for ISEE reporting questions, and the Assessments & Accountability team, Karlynn Laraway, (208) 332-6976; Kevin Whitman, (208)332-6893; or Ayaka Nukui, (208)332-6926.
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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

Visit College Entrance Exams for ongoing PSAT SAT and ACCUPLACER updates including 2018 score summaries, available now.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAM: WIDA

Steps to get prepared for WIDA Screener

- WIDA Screener Online Set-Up Steps
- WIDA Screener Webinar Trainings
- For ongoing statewide updates for WIDA Screener and ACCESS 2.0, see the Idaho Consortium Page: WIDA Idaho Page

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If you have questions, please contact Melanie Jones or call her at (208) 332-6933.
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If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Holbrook or call her at (208) 332-6877.
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